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Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR  
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005 (Paper No. 20051227). Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.